

Information for residents

Dear residents

Following the recent government advice regarding the Covid 19 virus, we are all going to have to adjust how we go about our daily lives. Metfield Parish Council are working with the Church, shop and village hall to ensure essential services remain available and individuals can get the support they need. Below is a summary of the current situation and contact details for those either offering or needing help. If the situation changes dramatically, we will issue an update.

St John The Baptist Church, Metfield

There will be no services in church for the time being, but we are working on ways to keep in contact and continue to worship in other ways. There will be information and communications going out in the next few days. We will also be putting things on our Facebook page; Sancroft benefice churches and on our website as soon as possible, and there will be info in the 6 sense magazine.

Please bear with me if I don't answer your email quickly.

For further information please contact metfieldchurchadmin@btinternet.com

Metfield Village Stores

The Metfield shop is committed to remain open if we have volunteers willing and able to staff the shop but where this becomes impractical, we will post limited hours, possibly only opening in the mornings to ensure bread and newspaper supplies. The shop will be operating normal hours until Sunday 22nd March.

From Monday 23rd onwards:

Mon to Friday 9.00 until 3pm, Saturday 9 until 2 and Sunday 10 until 12.30

We can deliver newspapers and groceries if you are self-isolating and unable to go out

If you need shopping delivered or wish to volunteer to help with deliveries, making up orders etc please contact the shop on 01379 586204

Metfield Village Hall

Following government advice, the Village Hall and Bar will be closed until further notice. All events and classes are cancelled or postponed.

Metfield United Charities Trust

Financial support can be available from Metfield United Charities for individuals and families who may find themselves in financial difficulty at this time. All enquiries are treated in strict confidence. For further information apply to the chairman, Nick Rudge, or email the clerk at metfieldunitedcharities@gmail.com

Self-Isolation

For those individuals who are self-isolating, or if you are just living on your own, you may welcome regular contact with the outside world. We would like to create a buddy system within the village to provide regular telephone contact and support.

If you would like someone to regularly contact you, or if you would like to be a Buddy and keep in regular contact with a neighbour please contact Lorraine McEvoy on 01379 586307

Dog walking

If you are a dog owner and unable to exercise your dog due to illness, there are volunteers who will help you out

If you need your dog walked or wish to volunteer as a dog walker, please contact Jill Dowsett on 01379 586781

Prescriptions

At present anyone needing repeat prescriptions should still submit the repeat paper slip or order online as usual. We can arrange for someone to collect repeat slips and/or collect prescriptions from Harleston or Fressingfield surgeries.

If you need a repeat prescription ordering or collecting, or you wish to volunteer to deliver prescriptions slips to the surgeries or collect orders, please contact: Gill Mortimer on 01986 785396 or Debbie Fowler on 01379 588124

Note some drugs require you to provide photographic ID (such as a driving licence) before you can collect, so please ensure you have the necessary information before volunteering.

Allotments

Metfield Allotments and Leisure Gardeners (MAALG) have cancelled all planned meetings and events until further notice. Meanwhile, it is felt that if allotment holders maintain a two-metre separation in line with government guidelines, the allotments provide a healthy way to enjoy being outside whilst gaining some exercise.

We hope that this information sheet will reassure anyone who is worried, that there is help and support out there should you need it.

Please only use the above offers of help if you really need to – to ensure there are enough volunteers to meet the needs of those most vulnerable.

If you have a query or concern not covered by any of the above, please contact

Peter Mortimer (Chair) on 01986 785396

Lindsey Duckett (Clerk) on 01379 586218, or by email
MetfieldParishCouncil@outlook.com

Parish Councillors: Jill Dowsett, Debbie Fowler, Terry Godbold, Chris Osborne, Cecilia Pryce, Peter Schwier, Paul Smith, Peter Twiss